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1. DANISH MINISTER OF FOREIGN ECONOMY NORGAARD CONCLUDED VISIT

TO BUDAPEST WITH SIGNING FEB 18 OF TEN-YEAR AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. AGREEMENT CONTAINS NO UNUSUAL FEATURES; BOTH SIDES AGREED TO WORK TO INCREASE TRADE, AND TO SUPPORT COOPERATIVE VENTURES IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

2. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 24 COOPERATION/LICENSING VENTURES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, BULK OF WHICH ARE IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING. TWO COUNTRIES ALSO COOPERATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECTS, AND THE DANES HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR MORE COOPERATION IN THIRD MARKETS IN BUILDING MATERIALS.

3. UPON CONCLUSION OF PRESS CONFERENCE NORGAARD COMMENTED ON CEMA PROPOSAL TO EC. NORGAARD EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION THAT CEMA HAD PUT FORTH A CONCRETE PROPOSAL, AND SAID THAT THE CEMA INITIATIVE WOULD SERVE AS A GOOD BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. HE NOTED THAT IT WAS NOW UP TO THE EC COUNTRIES TO RECONCILE THEIR POSITIONS AND REPLY.

4. COMMENT: FROM BUDAPEST'S LIMITED VIEW NORGAARD APPEARS TO HAVE GREETED CEMA PROPOSAL SOMEWHAT MORE WARMLY, AT LEAST IN PUBLIC, THAN OTHER EC MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS. DANISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NORGAARD INDEED WAS PLEASED THAT CEMA PROPOSAL WAS SO DETAILED. TEXT OF CEMA PROPOSAL RECEIVED IN BUDAPEST IN FRENCH ONLY ONE DAY AFTER NORGAARD ARRIVED, SO HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO EXAMINE PROPOSAL IN DETAIL. LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WAS WORKED OUT BY DANISH-HUNGARIAN JOINT COMMISSION IN SEPT 1975. DANISH EMBASSY SOURCE ASSURED ECONOFF THAT AGREEMENT MEETS GUIDELINES FOR EC "MODEL AGREEMENT" WITH CEMA COUNTRIES. COPY OF DRAFT CONCLUDED IN SEPT POUCH TO DEPT, EC BRUSSELS, AND COPENHAGEN.
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